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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL DECISIONS ON PDRY

REFS: (A) CAIRO 16308, (B) MANAMA 1535, (C) KUWAIT 3871

SUMMARY. OUT INITIAL CONCLUSIONS THAT AL RESOLUTIONS
AGAINST PDRY WERE FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH GOE POSITION
BORNE OUT BY OUR CONTACTS WITH ARAB LEAGUE AND GOE

OFFICIALS. HOWEVER, MOST CLAIM KEY LEADERSHIP ROLE WAS PLAYED NOT BY EGYPT, BUT BY PRINCE SAUD WHO PRESSED FOR EVEN STRONGER MEASURES. PDRY WARNS OF TROOP CONCENTRATION ON ITS BORDERS. END SUMMARY.

2. POLCOUNS DISCUSSED BRIEFLY ARAB LEAGUE MEETING WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOHAMMAD AL FARRA, LEAGUE OFFICIAL GAMIL MATTAR, GOE PERMREP TAHSIN BASHIR, AND DIRECTOR MFA POLICY PLANNING ABDUL RAOUF AL RIDI. WITH EXCEPTION BASHIR, ALL SAID PRINCE SAUD HAD BEEN SPEARHEAD FOR UNPRECEDENTED RESOLUTIONS AGAINST PDRY. MATTAR SAID SAUDIS HAD PRESSED FOR EVEN STRONGER RESOLUTIONS INCLUDING EXPULSION. ALL ASCRIBED UNUSUAL SAUDI ACTIVISM TO REAL FEAR THAT SOVIET UNION HAS FINALLY SUCCEEDED IN ARRIVING ON SAUDI DOORSTEP AND NOW POSED DIRECT THREAT TO KINGDOM.

3. EGYPTIAN POSITION. BASHIR MAINTAINED THAT EGYPT HAD PLAYED KEY ROLE AS OUTCOME OF MEETING DEMONSTRATED (THAT RESOLUTIONS WERE FULLY COMPATIBLE WITH GOE POSITION SUPPORTED BY OFFICIALLY GUIDED PRESS COVERAGE DURING PAST TWO WEEKS; SEE CAIRO 15877 AND 16199 (NOTAL). BASHIR DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT EFFECT OF SAUDI-EGYPTIAN VICTORY WOULD NOW DEPEND ON WILLINGNESS OF LEAGUE MEMBERS TO PRACTICE "REALPOLITIK" BY SUCH THINGS AS CUTTING OFF AID AND OIL TO ADEN REFINERY.

4. KUWAIT OPPOSITION. ONLY STATE WHICH APPARENTLY DID NOT APPROVE OF RESOLUTIONS AS SUGGESTED REF C WAS KUWAIT. KUWAIT REPORTEDLY POINTED OUT INTER ALIA THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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RESOLUTIONS WERE INCOMPATIBLE WITH ARAB COUNCIL ACTION IN MARCH SETTING UP SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE TO HEAL RIFTS IN ARAB WORLD. RIFT HAS INSTEAD NOW BEEN FORMALIZED. DESPITE OPPOSITION, KUWAIT ENDED UP BY GOING ALONG WITH CONSENSUS. ALTHOUGH PRESUMABLY UNRELATED, JAPANESE EMBASSY HAS REPORT THAT SAUDIS ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT EAST GERMANS AND EVEN SOVIETS ARE QUIETLY MAKING INROADS INTO KUWAIT.

5. MENA REPORTS THAT PDRY PERMREP CALLED URGENTLY ON ASST SYG NOFAL JULY 5 REQUESTING THAT ARAB COUNTRIES INTERVENE TO PREVENT DETERIORATION OF SITUATION ON ITS BORDERS WHERE MILITARY CONCENTRATIONS TAKING PLACE. ALL ARAB LEAGUE MEMBERS INFORMED. EILTS

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